

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims and ADD new claims as indicated below:

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6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A conveyor apparatus, wherein when a frame structure is bent around a bending fulcrum of the frame structure, an endless transport belt can be mounted on or removed from at least one pair of rollers supported by the frame structure, wherein a ~~the~~ bending fulcrum ~~of the frame structure~~ lies at a location ~~on one side of at a~~ downwardly offset with respect to a line of extension, connecting respective axes of rotation of the rollers together when the frame structure is not bent around the bending fulcrum and is thereby in a straight position, and being adjacent to one of runs of the transport belt, and wherein there is provided a stop member for inhibiting the frame structure from being bent towards the other of the runs of the transport belt when the frame structure is in the straight position.
7. (ORIGINAL) The conveyor apparatus as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the other of the runs of the transport belt is a transport surface for the articles to be weighed.
8. (ORIGINAL) The conveyor apparatus as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the rollers are rotatable to allow the other of the runs of the transport belt to be held under tension.
9. (ORIGINAL) The conveyor apparatus as claimed in Claim 6, wherein there is further provided a biasing member for biasing at least one of the rollers in a direction required for a distance between the rollers to increase.
10. (ORIGINAL) The conveyor apparatus as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the transport belt is provided with indentations engageable with the rollers to regulate displacement in position in a direction widthwise thereof.
11. (ORIGINAL) The conveyor apparatus as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the frame

structure is provided with roofing member for supporting the run of the transport belt from backside thereof and wherein the stop member is defined by the roofing members.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A conveyor apparatus ~~of a type wherein~~ when a frame structure is bent around a bending fulcrum of the frame structure, an endless transport belt can be mounted on or removed from at least one pair of rollers supported by the frame structure, said conveyor apparatus comprising a drive source for driving one of the rollers; a pulley mounted on a drive shaft of the drive source; a pulley mounted coaxial with one of the rollers; an endless drive transmitting belt trained between and around the pulleys, wherein ~~a the bending fulcrum of the frame structure lies at a location~~ at a downwardly offset with respect to on one side of a line of extension of respective axes of rotation of the pulleys, when the frame structure is not bent around the bending fulcrum and is thereby in a straight position, and is adjacent to one of runs of the drive transmitting belt; and a stop member for inhibiting the frame structure from being bent towards the other of the runs of the drive transmitting belt when the frame structure is in the straight position.

13. (ORIGINAL) An article inspecting machine equipped with a conveyor apparatus as defined in Claim 6 for transporting articles to be inspected successively.

14. (ORIGINAL) An article inspecting machine equipped with a conveyor apparatus as defined in Claim 7 for transporting articles to be inspected successively.

15. (ORIGINAL) The article inspecting machine as claimed in Claim 13, wherein there is provided an engagement for supporting a conveyor apparatus when engaged with the conveyor apparatus, and wherein the conveyor apparatus and the engagement are engaged with each other when a frame structure of the conveyor apparatus is not bent, but are disengaged from each other when the frame structure of the conveyor apparatus is bent.

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27. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

a conveyor including

a frame structure including a bending fulcrum, the frame structure having a straight position and a bent position in which the frame structure is bent around the bending fulcrum,

a first roller supported by the frame structure and having an axis of rotation,

a second roller supported by the frame structure and having an axis of rotation that is parallel to the axis of rotation of the first roller, and

a stop member, wherein

when the frame structure is in the bent position, an endless transport belt is mountable on, and removable from, the first and second rollers, and

when the frame structure is in the straight position with an endless transport belt mounted on the first and second rollers,

the endless transport belt travels around the first and second rollers and thereby provides a first travel surface moving from the first roller to the second roller, and a second travel surface moving from the second roller to the first roller,

the bending fulcrum is located at a downwardly offset with respect to a straight line connecting a center of the axis of rotation of the first roller with a center of the axis of rotation of the second roller, and is adjacent to one of the first and second travel surfaces, and

the stop member inhibits the frame structure from being bent towards the other of the first and second travel surfaces.

28. (NEW) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 27, wherein said other of the

first and second travel surfaces is a transport surface for articles.

29. (NEW) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the first and second rollers are rotatable to allow said other of the first and second travel surfaces to be held under tension.

30. (NEW) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 27, further comprising:
a biasing member biasing at least one of the first and second rollers in a direction required for a distance between the first and second rollers to increase.

31. (NEW) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the endless transport belt is provided with indentations engageable with the first and second rollers to regulate displacement in position in a direction widthwise thereof.

32. (NEW) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the stop member is a roofing member of the frame structure.

33. (NEW) A conveyor apparatus, wherein when a frame structure is bent, an endless transport belt can be mounted on or removed from at least one pair of rollers supported by the frame structure, wherein a bending fulcrum of the frame structure lies at a location on one side of a line of extension, connecting respective axes of rotation of the rollers together when the frame structure is not bent, adjacent one of runs of the transport belt, and wherein there is provided a stop member for inhibiting the frame structure from being bent towards the other of the runs of the transport belt, wherein the frame structure is provided with roofing member for supporting the run of the transport belt from backside thereof and wherein the stop member is defined by the roofing members.